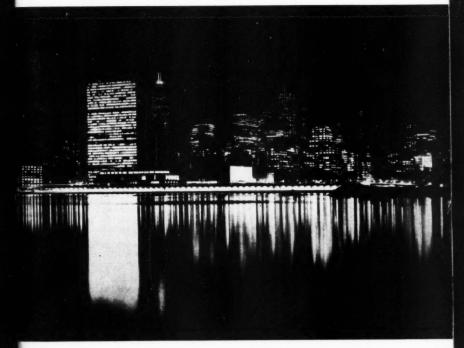
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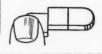


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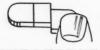
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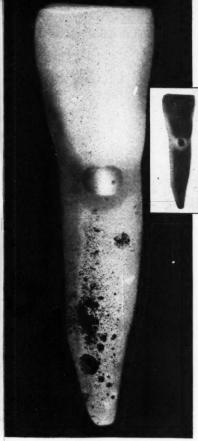
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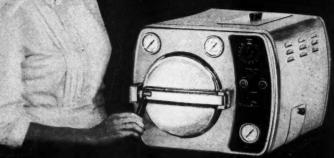
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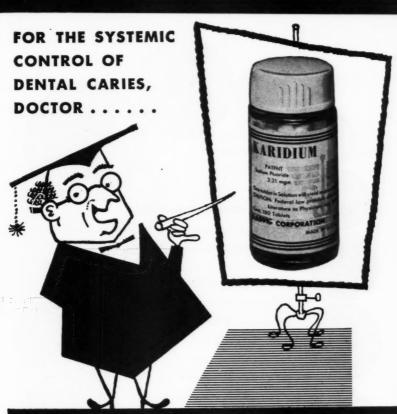


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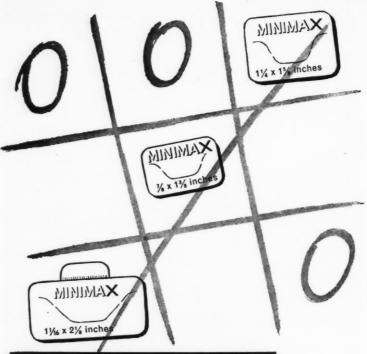
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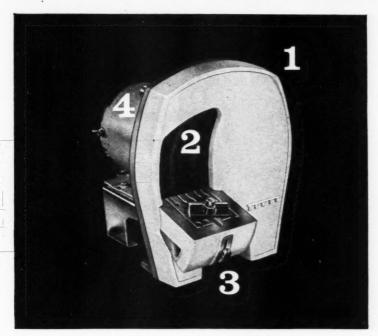
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Pitfalls
in the Purchase
of a
Dental
Practice

BY CHARLES T. STORDEUR

To avoid losses, investigate all aspects of a practice before you invest in it, and seek the advice of a contract attorney.

In the purchase of a dental practice the new owner knows the nature of the physical capital assets that he is buying, the drugs and supplies that he contracts for, and the leasehold improvements that he falls heir to in his purchase. Normally, he has a specific detailing of the history of the practice, insofar as productivity, gross receipts, operating expenses, and net income, are concerned. But what are some of the pitfalls that the naive, or anxious, or trusting purchaser may find to entrap him?

The following points have arisen often to confront the new owner in

his practice:

Introduction to Patients: The seller did not do any sort of job in conveying the practice to the new owner. This failing may have been represented by a poorly written letter of announcement wherein too brief a story was told; perhaps not fully identifying or describing the talents of the new buyer; not complimenting the buyer; or not "bringing" the patient into the office of the new owner. Reticence on the part of the seller can push the patient to another dental office.

Exclusion Clause: The seller. unless deceased or fully retired, did not exc'ude himself from the sold practice through the normal mediums of specified distance, reasonable length of time, or listing of close personal friends or relatives who would be excluded from the conveyed practice. The buyer should certainly seek counsel to

protect his future interests, insofar as a reasonable exclusion clause is written to keep his newly purchased practice within the limits of his own office and area.

Normal Shrinkage: A recent buyer discovered to his amazement that he was suffering a shrinkage somewhat larger than 65 per cent in a practice that had consistently netted the seller in excess of \$20,000 annually. Normal shrinkage is 15 per cent to 22 per cent in the sale of a practice that has been conducted along lines of reason, equity, and fairness. Why, then, was this practice shrinking so disastrously? A close survey and analysis brought out two salient features:

1. The seller lived 21 miles from the site of his practice. Only 50 per cent of his total clientele were residents in the practice area, and the balance came from 5 to 20 miles away for reasons of trust and friendship. After the sale was made, most of these went to offices in their own home areas.

2. The seller was a man of extreme erudition, a true scholar. He attracted patients of a higher type because of his scholarly, gentlemanly attitudes. The buyer was a good dentist, intelligent and able, but in his interests he was at complete variance with his predecessor. Most of the patients filtered away to other choices.

Personalities: In some instances, the purchaser has failed to assess properly and appraise the impacts of sociologic status, of predominating faiths, or of changing economies in a given area. Any one of these can suddenly tighten up what was a prosperous practice for one man to a struggling practice for the buyer, because the patient has been given the opportunity through the sale to divide his interests and to move to the office and practice of his choice.

Moral Turpitude: Infrequently a dental practice becomes salable due to reasons of moral defection on the part of the seller. The buyer cannot make provisions for protection within the framework of the purchase agreement. He can, however, ask for a lower purchase price to compensate for a shrinkage of the practice that will be far greater than the average expectancy. Normally, any practice that has suffered real or imaginary moral delinguencies and gossip effects, will suffer two shrinkage periods. The first, and the most pronounced, will occur immediately after the facts become known in the community; the second, will occur at the time of conveyance of the practice to the buyer when the announcements of such sale reach the patients, and when the staff go through the recall procedure.

Purchase from an Estate: In the purchase of a practice from an estate, it is a "must" that the practice be conveyed within three to seven days. For every day that passes after the first week, the purchaser is buying more and more of

capital assets only and less and less of the practice. After the second week, a good 40 per cent of the practice will have filtered away to other practices and at the end of 30 days, virtually no practice will remain.

Rights and Privileges: In some few instances the buyer has not fully protected himself in the matter of securing rights to the telephone listings of the seller; he has not kept the name of the seller on the door with his own to provide reference; or the lease has been so poorly conveyed that a renewal is impossible, thus forcing a move to other quarters too early for the new practice.

Maintaining Personnel: In setting up the details of purchase, try always to retain the seller's staff for a period of at least 90 days. This staff will draw in a great percentage of the patients and will tend to reduce shrinkage drastically. Recalls are accepted as a matter of course from an old, friendly, familiar voice. So is the fact that the practice no longer is that of Doctor "X" but of someone

in whom the staff has such confidence that they are remaining.

Fee Schedules: Another safeguard, not contractual, but of real import, is the establishment of the seller's fee schedule. Too many practices are brought to a position of two-fee scales; one high, one low. Except for isolated discount cases or, perhaps, of charity, there is no place for a two-fee schedule basis. The low will dominate and eventually be the real fee basis. Hence, it must be determined at the outset what course is to be followed, because such a decision will set the effective pattern for future vears.

Conclusions: In purchasing a practice it is not necessarily a matter of caveat emptor, but more a matter of solid common sense. Add the counsel of a contract attorney and the chances of a good purchase are favorable. Successful practices do not dwindle away for no reason. In most instances, they are pushed away and forced into other offices.

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DENTAL ADVANCEMENT

In 1958 there were forty-seven dental schools in the United States, all associated with universities (an educational goal not attained by any other profession in the United States) and many with teaching hospitals. More than 50 per cent of the dental students of the past decade had a college degree before entering their professional school. The Council on Dental Education's aptitude-testing program, involving more than 5000 prospective students annually, assures promising students for dentistry and lessens the number of academic failures.—The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association, Philadelphia.



Doctor John Palmer works on a muzzle loading, percussion-type antique pistol.

His Hobby
Intrigues
His Patients

SOME people develop a hobby for fun, others for profit; but 35-year-old Doctor John Palmer of Brownsville, Texas, has developed a hobby whose psychologic aspects are advantageous to his practice. On the wall of his private office is one of the best collections of ancient guns in Texas, and patients spend their waiting time eagerly examining the pieces.

His gun collection contains such rarities as a .36 caliber gold and silver Navy Colt which is over a hundred years old, and an English .455 caliber Deane, Adams and Deane hand gun that was run through the Federal b.ockade for a Confederate officer.

He has a tiny four-barrel Derringer with a revolving firing pin. It is the same type of gun as the one Yancey Derringer carries in his hat for his TV series.

Doctor Palmer even has a pistol that was picked up on the site of the final battle of the Civil War. All history books to the contrary, this last fight in the War between the States took place 33 days after Lee's surrender at Appomatox. It was fought along the banks of the Rio Grande River, at the southern tip of Texas and ended in victory for the boys in gray. Neither side knew the war was over.

The gun found on this battlefield is a .36 caliber, 1851 Navy Colt. It is a muzzle loading, percussion-

ORAL HYGIENE

A collection of ancient guns on display in the reception room has a good psychologic effect on this dentists' patients.

type weapon, and is beautifully engraved. Doctor Palmer took the gun to his office and cleaned the rust from it with his Airdent equipment. The pistol has been engraved by a man named Wolfe, who had fashioned the hammer in the shape of a wolf's head, the artist's trademark.

Doctor Palmer also has a collection of ancient automobiles. The prize item is a 23-passenger "MAN" car which was built in Germany in 1909 for Mexican President Porfirio Diaz.

The vehicle was built at a cost of

\$20,000, has cut glass lighting fixtures, and an interior inlaid with mahogany. It is decorated inside with moosehide upholstery, has wood and leather covered drawing-room type furniture, and is divided into three compartments. The car has two jump seats on each side for armed guards.

The four-cylinder T-head motor vehicle has been clocked at 60 miles an hour. It is especially equipped for safety while traveling through mountains. If the machine runs into trouble going uphill the driver can release an emergency "anchor" which prevents the car from rolling backward. The

The 23-passenger, \$20.000 land cruiser known as the "MAN," which was built for Mexico's President Porfirio Diaz.



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The engraved Navy Colt found at the site of the last battle of the Civil War. The hammer is shaped like a wolf's head.

"MAN" weighs four and one-half tons, and came complete with a unique innovation for that early day—an electric starter and electric lights.

Unfortunately, Diaz never saw

his fancy car. Before it could be delivered, the deposed president was forced to flee to Europe.

Doctor Palmer entered politics last year and continued right on with his collection interests. He collected enough votes to win himself a seat on the City Commission.

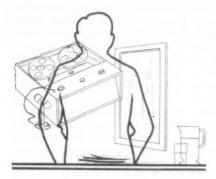
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"I'M GOING CRAZY WITH THE PAIN ON THE SIDE OF MY HEAD"

THE AREA referred to is usually in the region anterior to the ear, near the temporomandibular joint. Examination of the mouth frequently reveals one of two conditions: flattened teeth or missing molars.

A tense, nervous patient will attempt to control his nervousness by clamping his jaws shut and grinding his teeth together. All the teeth may be flattened markedly, with loss of their normal configuration. The constant pressure on the surfaces of the temporomandibular joints may result in a low-grade, painful, inflammatory condition. A vicious circle of tenseness-pressure pain is set up, with increasing discomfort.

The fitting of proper dentures or appliances on the teeth will help correct the bite. The patients addicted to grinding of the teeth need mild sedation, muscular relaxants, and, at times, rubber mouthpieces to stop the constant trauma.—Camille Mermod, MD, Current Medical Digest



"Unaccustomed

As I Am . . . "

BY M. TRAVASCIO

Practice recommended by this author will help you to learn to speak persuasively to groups or to an individual patient.

Today's fresh interest in acquiring public speaking skill is due in part to the realization that there are profitable side benefits to the art.

Of particular interest to the practicing dentist is the fact that many of those working toward improvement in "thinking on their feet" are less concerned about applying the talent before large groups than they are in making an impression on one person. This is due to the discovery that the self-confidence resulting from overcoming fear of public speaking brings new freedom in person-to-person conversations and improves personality characteristics.

In a survey made among a number of men having similar educational backgrounds it was revealed that: Those moving up fastest in their fields possess above average skill at expressing themselves convincingly during conferences and while talking with key officials in their organizations. This is significant to the dentist, even though he may not be competing directly with others. As the more experienced personnel men have pointed out, the ability to "sell himself" as a person draws greater recognition for the quality of the service that a person performs.

Although a dentist must meet and talk with a number of people each day this does not necessarily mean he is applying his capacity for vocal expression most effectively. For instance, one practitioner admitted he installed an FM receiver in his operating quarters so the semiclassical music would bring relief to the silence occasioned by

his apparent inability to maintain a flow of interesting chair-side conversation. This man talks freely with friends and members of his family, but frequently becomes mum just when talking might be beneficial. "I have never had the nerve," he added, "to get up to second a motion at one of our dental society meetings or even offer a comment on a proposal presented for the members' consideration." This is not an unusual condition but is less serious in this instance, because the dentist does recognize the need to bring himself "out."

Using public speaking as a means of accomplishing this objective has been proved successful by both business and professional men. In most metropolitan areas there are centers specializing in such courses of instruction and in many large and small communities the public high schools provide, at little or no cost, training opportunities in public speaking. A young eastern dentist who took such a course learned that it not only "dried up my sweating hands" when he got on his feet to talk, but the class study brought him into association with a larger group of men and women than would have otherwise been possible.

Use of Tape Recorder

For the practitioner with limited free time there is also a plan of study he may apply within his own home and at his convenience. This involves the use of a tape recorder and is a method some instructors suggest even though more formal instruction is planned in the future. The dentist who does not have a tape recorder may rent one at little cost from a camera or record retailer.

The voice instructor suggests that the dentist set up the recorder at first in a room that can be shut off from the remainder of the home and in which there is a mirror of generous size. After selecting a short story from a magazine or a speech printed in a local paper, the "student" should then stand before the mirror and read into the microphone for three to five minutes in his normal voice. Then the tape should be played back. The dentist who follows this suggestion may be shocked when he hears his own spoken words. Most people are.

The next step in the training course is to read some other material for three to five minutes, this time making an attempt to round out the slurred words heard during the original play back and add feeling to the spoken sentences.

After a half-dozen sessions of this sort the dentist will be ready to bring his family into the "game." Less embarrassment will be experienced if his wife and sons and daughters are asked to speak their own pieces into the microphone with a period of constructive criticism following each play back. Repeated practice of this sort invariably builds up sufficient interest in the do-it-yourself student for

him to search out professional voice guidance. The cost incurred may be as little as the pennies of expense involved in driving to a local high school on up to several hundred dollars depending on the length and inclusiveness of the training.

Instruction in public speaking is recommended as a personality developing aid, because it usually brings quick results. This is due in part to the fact that, like halitosis, even intimates resist mentioning objectionable voice characteristics. Thus a speaking level that is too high or too low for comfortable listening or the faulty pronunciation of certain words becomes an unconscious habit. A voice teacher, however, acts quickly to correct these speaking errors. In addition he works to improve posture and suggests use of the hands to add emphasis to spoken words or to eliminate the "wooden Indian" appearance that results from allowing arms to hang limp and expressionless. Thus the student becomes aware of the part his whole person plays in winning and holding the attention of listeners.

"Progress is fast in acquiring these skills," a public speaking instructor says, "because in everyone there is a little of the ham." When a business or professional man becomes aware of the techniques that will help make a better impression on others, he is inclined to put them to work immediately. Which is exactly the reason why those who do become more expert, are noticed more quickly by those they meet individually or in groups. And that appears to be a desirable situation for the dentist interested in gaining wider personal and professional recognition.

For practice try to:

 Express your opinions at club, association, and church gatherings.

Use moving words, the verbs that add force and motion to your sentences.

3. Study the techniques of the more skilled speakers on television, including the pitchmen who put the hard sell into their commercials.

4. Check on your progress by matching old tapes from your recorder against more recent ones.

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PERSONAL VALUES AND BUSINESS DECISIONS

We believe that every business situation, in common with all other forms of human endeavor, inevitably involves conflicts of values among the men concerned. Wherever possible, men must strive with good will for an integration of these divergent values, even though that integration may involve compromises which frustrate the individual because what he sees as right varies so sharply from what he realizes is attainable. Men must also be willing to face the tensions that result from those conflicts which prove irreconcilable, knowing that these tensions, too, are part of God's process.—Harvard Business Review, Boston, Massachusetts.

Problem Patients And How Their Quirks Were Cured

BY M. A. PATRICK

THE DIFFICULTIES presented by certain dental patients may reach well beyond the oral cavity, according to the interesting and informative reports offered by dentists I interviewed in urban, suburban, and rural areas. The solutions to the problems encountered by these dentists offer factual proof that patients are first of all human beings whose unpredictable actions may have to be modified before they become acceptable dental patients.

Mrs. Jane Franston, for instance, was a patient who apparently checked the time by looking only at the hour hand of her watch. A 2:30 appointment with her dentist, Doctor S, simply meant sometime between two and three. At least it did until Doctor S decided to revise "this woman's understanding of promptness."

This he did by scheduling the patient's arrival at "odd" times such as 11:20, 1:50, 3:10, but never on the hour or half hour. Then to make certain the patient understood the irregular time for her appointment he would ask. "Will 1:50 be satisfactory, Mrs. Franston? Then I will schedule you for 1:50 promptly because I have another patient due in immediately after your appointment." The repetition of the time was intentional since the dentist wanted to impress this on the patient. To make doubly certain he also gave the normally tardy patient an appointment card with the time clearly marked on it.

"Next to his knowledge and experience the most valuable ingredient in a practice is time," Doctor S insists. "And when patients handle it carelessly the resulting waiting can play hob with the The personal characteristics of some patients may be even more challenging than their dental needs.

emotions of even a usually calm and nerve-free practitioner."

"I have found that fear of dental operations can be lessened by calling on a secondary fear," a southern dentist, Doctor M, has found in his dealing with timid men, women, and children who sit in his chair.

When an attractive young girl started to "go all to pieces" this dentist took a positive stand and asked the 22-year-old, "Which do you fear most, the fifteen to twenty seconds of discomfort that is all you will experience during an average dental appointment, or the unfavorable glances young men give girls whose teeth show the results of neglect?" In the case of more adult patients he may ask about the reaction of employers who are considering the advancement of an employee. And to a middleaged matron he has said, "You will forget quickly the seconds of unpleasantness this morning, but will remember for months that you are attractive to your husband."

This technique, Doctor M has found, combines a little flattery that patients welcome and is effective in switching a patient's thoughts from himself to others.

It helps to convert negative reactions to dental operations into positive ones.

A real estate broker who is a patient of Doctor L intimated during a period in the operating room chair that if the dentist would invest some money in a property the broker managed he would "sell" some of his employees on calling Doctor L for dental services. Although the practitioner valued the real estate man as a patient, he recognized the proposition as one in which he had no desire to become involved.

In his reply to the suggestion he used a direct approach. "It would be impractical for me to become a customer of all my patients who are in the selling field," he said. He explained that among those who call regularly for appointments are insurance men, stock and bond salesmen, supermarket managers, car dealers, and even one or two others who are in the real estate business.

Then he added, "I won't say there is no such thing as reciprocity in my profession," he admitted, "but when it is reduced to a cold dollar and cents basis the essential dentist-patient relations invariably suffer." Speaking from the patient's point of view, Doctor L insisted that the patient must first of all have confidence and even respect for the dentist's professional capabilities if he is to feel he is receiving the type and quality of dental care he desires.

Doctor L is not certain he convinced the broker that dentistry cannot be practiced on a purely monetary level, but at least the offer of a deal has not come up again during chair-side conversations.

Club Business

After an eastern dentist, Doctor F, joined a local service club he was not as successful as he hoped to be in avoiding appointment to one of the club's committees. He did, however, succeed in correcting quickly a condition that developed shortly after he was named to such a post.

The assignment in question called for frequent conferences with other club members and also certain non-member citizens of the community. Almost immediately Doctor F began receiving telephone calls from fellow committee members and outsiders asking for suggestions regarding policy moves or to arrange personal meetings. Some of the calls took only a minute or two, some ran longer. But in all cases the interruptions broke into the dentist's operating schedule and required the patient in the chair to wait while the dentist attended to some non-professional detail.

He explained to those working on the committee with him that he was sorry he could not accept calls during the hours he was seeing patients in his office. Not all of them liked it, but he was definite in stating that his assistant would no longer put through calls to him if they were related to club business. It took a little time to convince some—especially those who were also his patients—that he meant what he said. But in a short time the unwanted calls ceased, and he is convinced the decision has strengthened the club members' understanding of his professional dedication.

Chatty Patients

Wilma Edgar had referred a number of her friends to Doctor Y, and the dentist welcomed and appreciated these additions to his new and growing practice. But he found it necessary to "raise his guard" when Mrs. Edgar, during her own appointments, became overly interested in the type and extensiveness of the operations her friends required.

"I'm still not convinced it was 'nosiness' on Mrs. Edgar's part," Doctor Y said, "but when I was unsuccessful in shunting our conversation away from such topics I asked this patient, 'Wouldn't you mind if I discussed your dental health with other patients?'"

To the dentist's surprise Mrs. Edgar replied, "Not a bit." So the practictioner revised his approach to the problem by stating, "You might not, but I would, and your friends would probably object too." The woman apparently "got the point" because since then she has found other things to dis-

cuss with the dentist. The practitioner could have explained his professional need for keeping his dentist-patient relations confidential, but he did not feel this patient was the type who would respond readily to such reasoning.

Mother's Place

Not all dentists may agree with Doctor Q, who is convinced that a mother's place is in the reception room while he is effecting dental corrections required by her young son or daughter. "A surgeon does not have the parent of a patient standing over him during a tonsillectomy. He has competent assistants to help him. I do, too."

This man makes it a practice to become acquainted with the young-ster in the reception room, invite him to look over the operating room and its equipment, and then ask the mother to wait in the reception room or even to do some shopping. It has been his experience that a child is more inclined to "act up" if his mother is nearby. That is because from infancy the child has been conditioned to expect that an outcry will bring his mother hurrying to his side.

And what does Doctor Q do if

a mother insists she be allowed in the operating room? "I never have that problem," the dentist says. "When a patient mentions bringing in her young child I outline my procedure and emphasize the fact that my assistant will be on hand to play the role of temporary mother." The dentist admits he probably has lost some child patients because of his technique in treating them, but he insists the number is not too large. He also feels he has saved himself time and emotional strain. "Actually," he explains, "most parents are not particularly interested in remaining in the operating room. They simply think it is their obligation."

The reasons for the actions of the dentists whose methods have been combined in this report are summed up in the remarks of one practitioner: "It is my conviction that a dentist operates more efficiently when he molds his patients to his own practices. Otherwise," the dentist added, "it may be necessary for him to adjust to the whims of each patient. And that could require a dozen or more distracting adjustments a day."

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Consultation Clinic:

Irradiation Damage to the Developing Dental Tissues

BY ARTHUR ELFENBAUM, BA, DDS*

Correction of certain defects by the use of irradiation may cause other anomalies.

THANKS to the efforts of many sincere investigators, the fear of irradiation damage in the dental office has been allayed. The alarm raised by the geneticists has been quieted by scientifically conducted experiments, which prove that the amount of radiation received by the patient during intra-oral roent-genography has no appreciable effect on the reproduction of the human race.

For a time numerous dental patients were uneasy about possible gonadal damage and many refused to have dental roentgenograms taken. Several dentists reported that their assistants became concerned about jeopardizing their future prospects as mothers and refused to continue working in an office where there was an x-ray unit.

Perhaps the readers of this journal might be interested in the report of a case in which irradiation used for medical purposes was responsible for serious damage to the developing dental structures of a child. The little girl was born with a hemangioma on the right side of the face at the angle of the mandible. As the name implies, the area was crowded with excessive blood vessels, and the parents were shocked to see the fiery red,

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disfiguring patch. The defect is also known as a vascular nevus, and is often referred to as a firemark, strawberry mark, or raspberry mark. Against the delicate skin of a newborn child the color is exaggerated. With age, the skin becomes thicker and harder, and quite often the capillaries are compressed and the tissue becomes paler. Cosmeticians have succeeded in developing a covering cream which hides this blemish most effectively. However, in the case under consideration it was decided to use irradiation to shrink the blood vessel walls and force the excess blood out of them. At the age of six months, radium was attached to the girl's face with adhesive, but the results were not satisfactory. When the child was a year old, small radon seeds were embedded under the skin at various intervals over a period of one year until 70 seeds were placed. In addition, some x-ray radiation was administered simultaneously.

Radon Emanations Used

Radon is a radioactive gas obtained from radium. It is sealed into a tiny gold cylinder, called a seed, which is loaded into a hollow needle and plunged into the tissues. When the needle is withdrawn, the seed remains in the tissue and the radon emanations are effective for about a month. The cylinders become inert and are allowed to remain in place. The treatment was effective, and, with the exception of a few scattered capillaries, the

skin gradually acquired a natural appearance.

The patient's first visit to a dentist was at 4 years of age. A few small amalgam restorations were placed but no roentgenograms were taken. At the age of 7, the girl was referred to an orthodontist for the correction of a Class II (Angle) malocclusion. At first the orthodontist was not told about the hemangioma, but when he saw the set of intra-oral roentgenograms, he noticed the radiopaque images of the gold cylinders, which resembled a series of scattered dashes. What astonished him most were the dental deformities which the roentgenograms revealed. They occurred mostly in the same quadrant in which the seeds were planted.

The right first molar crown was fully developed and partly erupted, but there was no roentgenographic evidence of any root formation. There was no sign of a second molar. A second deciduous molar was present in the arch and its roots appeared to be resorbed, but there was no succedaneous premolar. A first deciduous molar was also in its normal place; it showed evidence of root resorption, but the succedaneous first premolar, as it appeared in the roentgenogram, was severely dwarfed. The deciduous cuspid had been shed several months previously, and, although the patient was only 7, the permanent cuspid was fully erupted, but the crown was much smaller than that of a normal tooth and the root was puny. The crowns of the four mandibular incisors aroused no suspicion, but their roots were shorter than usual and they were pointed as if they had been put through a pencil sharpener. The left permanent cuspid appeared to be normal, although its eruption was extremely precocious. Several of the maxillary teeth on the right side showed the roots to be slightly pointed. All other teeth seemed to be developing normally.

Dental Structures Affected

It is evident that the developing dental structures which were within the sphere of radiation emanations were adversely affected. Buds were destroyed, dwarfing occurred, and root development was incomplete, but hastened. The roentgenograms did not indicate that the bone was affected: there was no apparent abnormal radiolucency in the irradiated area. However, this is no guarantee that the bone was not harmed. A biopsy to discover the true condition was not justified. All forms of irradiation have a more damaging effect on young and immature tissue than on structures which are fully developed. It is not surprising, therefore, that so much damage was done to the developing teeth. It is difficult to imagine how such a young child could have tolerated a lead shield between the buccal mucosa and the maxillary-mandibular surfaces to intercept the rays. In any case, the shield could hardly have been made extensive enough to protect the entire area involved.

Another consideration might have been to let the child grow up before resorting to irradiation of the face. There is always the possibility that the color would have faded as the child grew older. Some therapists inject sclerosing agents into the hemangiomatous area, and others apply solid carbon dioxide or carbon dioxide snow to freeze the skin and shrink the blood vessels. There is also the possibility that the parents were not willing to suffer the embarrassment of being constantly asked about their daughter's disfigurement.

This case has also set up another thought reaction. A few years ago it was common practice for rhinolaryngologists to use x-rays for shrinking enlarged tonsils and adenoids. Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy had fallen into disrepute, and the irradiation method virtually replaced surgical treatment. Lymphoid tissue is highly sensitive to irradiation and the area is easily accessible. The radiation was applied through the mouth as well as by external portals, but, since most of the patients were young children, it seems logical to conclude that their developing dental structures must have been affected in the cross firing. An interesting research project would be to make a survey of those people who in their childhood days were subjected to irradiation for the treatment of hypertrophied tonsils and

adenoids and scrutinize their present intra-oral roentgenograms for evidence of damage to dental structures. One dentist tried it, but he was so unceremoniously repulsed by the rhinolaryngologists whom he consulted, that he abandoned the project in a hurry. The physician who said to him, "How about

the damage you dentists do to the pituitary and thyroid glands?" really intended to be sarcastic, but perhaps he engendered a thought which is also worthy of investigation.

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THE COVER

This month's photograph of a night scene in New York represents an invitation to the Greater New York Dental Meeting which will be held in the Hotel Statler December 7 through 11, 1959. Doctor Adolf G. Wagner, Chairman of the meeting, has announced a number of innovations. These include "Special Clinics," 50 minutes in duration, which will cover all phases of modern dental practice. In a Symposia on Research considerable attention will be given to the proper use of antibiotics and tranquilizing drugs. For entertainment and informal discussion the "Luncheon for Learning" has been arranged. At each table there will be an authority on a particular phase of dentistry. While enjoying the luncheon dentists will be able to discuss a problem and find a solution. For complete information and reservations address: Mrs. Mabel Purdy, Executive Secretary, Greater New York Dental Meeting, Hotel Statler, New York 1, New York.

THEFT-PROOFING

- 1. Pay more attention to the business side of your practice.
- 2. Pay your employees adequate wages. In many offices, wages are substandard.
- Arrange with an auditor to audit your books at least once a year, with spot checks from time to time.
- 4. Have every employee who has anything to do with money covered with a surety bond.
 - 5. Bank your receipts every day.
- And most important of all, have a modern bookkeeping system so that entries can be checked and double-checked.

If this is done, the employee will think twice before "borrowing" that first few dollars.—Medical News.

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Practice Administration Thought Provokers

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Tips for Training Your Dental Assistant

Many dentists report that they have a problem training their assistants to set up their instruments properly on a bracket table. You might try preparing a layout picture for each setup, which your assistant can refer to (without bothering you). This will help her master bracket table setups more quickly.

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Are There Enough Dentists?

According to the American Dental Association there are 84,000 dentists in the United States, or one for every 1,667 persons. However, the population load is not so evenly distributed throughout this country. There is only one dentist for every 3,076 residents in the Southeast, one for every 2,962 in the Southwest, whereas New York has one for every 1,127 people.

How Tax Deflation May Be Avoided

Some people still do not realize that life insurance, however payable, is subject to Federal estate tax on the death of the insured, if he is the owner of the policy.

Owning a policy means that the right exists to change the beneficiaries named in the policy, or to take down its cash value, or to pledge the policy as collateral for a loan. If one can see his way clear to transfer these rights irrevocably to another, he can remove the policy from his taxable estate. However, the insured must make certain that his transfer of ownership during his lifetime is complete. To avoid any complication by the contemplation-of-death rule all transfers should be made 3 years before death. (There is no reason to transfer unless a large estate is left as life insurance like other property is subject to the general property exemption of \$60,000. For further information on this point see the book, LIFE INSURANCE, edited by Ralph H. Blanchard, McGraw-Hill Publishers 1957, pages 472-473.)

United States Treasury Bonds as a Reserve

Since World War II, certain United States Treasury bonds have been designated as redeemable at par for payment of Federal Estate Tax. Currently there are seventeen series of bonds which offer this privilege. All are selling for less than par; some have been quoted recently at prices 15 per cent and more under their face value as estate tax "legal tender."

When to Accept a Speaking Assignment

If you want to be a successful speaker—do not accept an invitation to make a speech because some good friend asks you to or because you cannot think of any convincing reason why you should not accept. Make a speech commitment only if you think some good purpose will be served and you feel you have something to say that will be beneficial to others. Before you say "Yes" to a speaking engagement, find out the following details:

1. Who the other speakers are, if any

2. Who previous speakers have been, and what subjects they chose

3. Where the meeting will be held

4. The size of the audience and its composition

5. The desired length of the talk

6. If there will be a question-and-answer period—and if so, for how long a time

7. What social or discussion groups you might be expected to attend if you accept the engagement

In Becoming Organized You Can Become Disorganized

Doctor Norman Vincent Peale recently warned an audience in New York City that one of the inherent problems of the organized individual is that he suffers from the danger of becoming highly disorganized. This danger carries with it a possibility of developing hypertension, heart trouble, nervous breakdown, panic, lack of emotional control—and the loss of inner peace, out of which should come driving energy.

Improving Your Relationship With Auxiliary Personnel

Doctor David A. Hoffman of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has found the following helpful in improving his relationship with auxiliary personnel:

1. Hold short staff meetings with all personnel

2. Be informal, but not "buddy-buddy"

3. Discuss special cases with specific assistants—the emphasis being on the good we did for the patient.

These suggestions were made in a speech at the annual meeting of the Minnesota State Dental Association, St. Paul, Minnesota.

It Would Not Be Popular

Those working in offices in Russia do not take coffee breaks—they take calisthenic breaks!

Eligibility for a Small Corporation to Elect to be Taxed as a Partnership

· Not more than ten stockholders

No stockholder can be a nonresident alien

No stock owned by a corporation or a trust

· Only one class of stock

 Not more than 20 per cent of the gross receipts can be from royalties, rents, dividends, interest, and gains from the sales or exchanges of securities

Health Tip for Watching Television

If you watch television a great deal, it might be wise to get up and

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exercise or move about occasionally. Sitting for hours in an awkward position in front of a television set may produce serious circulation disturbances in the legs, including blockage by blood clots, cautions Doctor Meyer Naide of Philadelphia.

Do Not Be Fleeced By Buying Worthless Stock Via a Long Distance Telephone Call

Sylvia Porter, in her syndicated column warns that some gangsters have moved into Wall Street on a scale never before known. She points out, "Hundreds of thousands of gullible Americans in states across the Nation have been defrauded of many millions in recent months." New York State's Attorney General, Louis J. Lefkowitz, says, "A network of ex-convicts has been operating and the public must be warned!"

When a strange voice comes to you over the telephone with glittering promises, you had better check up before you buy. If you do not you may find you have bought a worthless stock. Also, the Canadian around-the-clock operators are still making telephone sales of questionable stock to many naive persons in the United States.

Foreign Investment Possibility in United States Securities

If you are traveling in Europe you may find that Swiss banks are becoming as much an attraction for United States tourists as the famous Alps. By establishing Swiss banking connections, an American can buy stocks at far less than the 90 per cent Federal Reserve Board in American accounts. Reason: The Federal Reserve Board has no control over foreign lenders and the Swiss will lend money on United States securities at 25 per cent margin or less.

Mutual Fund Study

In the August 15 issue of *Forbes* there is a complete study of how the Nation's some 225 open-end investment companies, otherwise known as mutual funds, have performed. *Forbes* shows how they performed under both bull and bear market conditions; how they weathered the recession; how, under all these circumstances, each delivered capital gains, safety, or dividends.

Your Credit Is Important

The authors of this series had occasion to check the credit rating of dentists and found them classed as below the average. Neither of us feel this is quite a true evaluation. However, the only reason we could find for this rating among banks and credit investigating agencies is

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that dental supply houses report that dentists are slow in paying their bills.

Check the Credit of Your Patients

Possibly some dentists who grant credit to patients and are not affiliated with a bank plan should check the credit of their patients more carefully. You cannot assume because a patient is connected with a company or even some large firm that he is always a good credit risk.

Survey Shows Reason for Variance of Productivity in a Dental Office

Doctor David A. Hoffman of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, concluded after studying five dental offices with low productivity and five with high productivity, which were on a similar fee basis, that the extreme difference in productivity could be attributed to the following factors:

- 1. Usage of auxiliary personnel
- 2. Organization of the practice
- 3. Efficient use of time while in the office
- 4. Greater volume of prosthetics

With greater emphasis on the foregoing factors it is possible to step up your productivity as much as 465 per cent. Or, if you desire to put in far less time and still make as much money, you might try incorporating some of these suggestions.

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ETHICS AND HONESTY

A RECENT survey, conducted by the legal profession, revealed that physicians rank the highest when it comes to ethics and honesty. Asked "How do you rank doctors, dentists, lawyers, and people generally as to their ethics and honesty?" several thousand persons replied:

	High	Average	Low	Don't Know
Physicians	60.9	29.7	4.7	4.7
Dentists	53.6	37.3	4.2	13.
Lawyers	25.3	41.4	20.3	13.
People Generally	25.	62.	8.6	4.2
-American Medical Association	News			

So You Know Something About

DENTISTRY!

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By ROLLAND C. BILLETER, DDS

Quiz 182

- 1. How long should tissues rest before the average reline impression?
- 2. Factors that increase alkalinity in the saliva are (a) detrimental, (b) favorable, to calculus formation.
- 3. True or false? An incomplete or loose suture in the midline of the maxilla occasionally registers as a suspicious radio-lucency.

- Infection anywhere in the diabetic (a) intensifies, (b) does not intensify, the diabetes.
- 5. Is the regulation of the temperature of the mixing slab important in controlling the setting time of a silicate cement?
- 6. Hypercementosis is a diffuse thickening of the cementum over the (a) entire, (b) partial, root.
- 7. Is the apparent abrasion or erosion seen under denture clasps the result of mechanical wear by the clasps?
- 8. True or false? The total dose of any drug can frequently be exceeded.
- Why should trauma be minimized when extracting mandibular teeth in arthritic patients?
- Corrosion of an amalgan restoration is reduced to a minimum by (a) proper mixing,
 (b) condensation, (c) polishing.

FOR CORRECT ANSWERS SEE PAGE 55

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Combination: Close together in the rear of the Jolink Drugstore in Edgerton, Minnesota, are the entrance to the dentist's office and the prescription department (out of picture to right).—Photograph by American Druggist.

Dentist Draws Traffic to Drugstore*

WHENEVER anyone in Edgerton, Minnesota, finds it necessary to go to the dentist, he must go to the drugstore.

It is not that the pharmacist is also a dentist; that would be a rare combination indeed. Instead, Albert Jolink, who owns the only drugstore in town, rents office space in the rear of his newly-remodeled store to Doctor Harold Dongremond, who happens to be the only dentist in town.

It is not unusual to find a smalltown druggist who in some way incorporates a service... such as a post-office branch, fishing license registration, or even a watch repair booth... in his store, as a traffic builder. Leasing space to a dentist.

^{*}Reprinted from the 13 July 1959 issue of American Druggist with permission of the Editor.

Only dentist in Minnesota town has his office in the rear of a pharmacy and attracts ten to fifteen patients daily.

however, brings some advantages not normally found with other concessions.

In the first place, a dentist, unlike the other types of concessions, in no way detracts from a drugstore's professional atmosphere. In fact, he would probably do a great deal to enhance it.

Just as important is the fact that the dentist draws trade to the drugstore that it would not ordinarily get. Mr. Jolink told American Druggist that, "although this is the only drugstore within fifteen miles, Doctor Dongremond's excellent reputation for extractions and dentures often brings patrons from thirty or more miles away. These people ordinarily would not have occasion to set foot in the store."

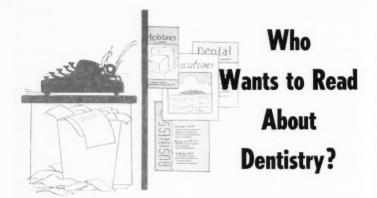
Increase: Unlike some other concessions, a dentist brings with him a guaranteed increase in traffic. Mr Jolink reports that between ten and fifteen people come in to see the dentist every day. Because the dentist's office is in the rear of the store, every one of these patients must walk through the store and see the merchandise on display twice.

Not only do the dentist's patients walk through the store twice, but often they must spend some time within the store itself. Because the office is necessarily rather small, the patients use the drugstore's prescription waiting area as a waiting room. This often results in sales of impulse merchandise picked up while the patient is awaiting the dentist's call.

Two Sides: Although this arrangement is undeniably good for Mr. Jolink, it is by no means one-sided. For example, Doctor Dongremond does not need a receptionist. His patients use the store as a waiting room, and the store personnel take incoming calls when the dentist is not in his office.

Before the store was remodeled, the dentist maintained his office in the front of the store, just inside the entrance.

Every one lives by selling something.—Robert Louis Stevenson, from Beggars.



BY C. SHIELDS

Helpful suggestions for the dentist who wishes to write for publication.

IN AN ARTICLE published in ORAL HYGIENE¹ dealing with dentistry's need for more and better public relations, a reference was made to the role a dentist with some writing skill might play in achieving this objective.

This resulted in queries from dentists in widely separated parts of the country all indicating interest in learning more about how and what to write and where to offer completed manuscripts. The facts given here should provide the answers to these and related questions.

In his initial attempts to put himself on paper, the dentist-writer will "sound" more believable if he confines himself to those topics about which he is most informed. If he is in general practice he will improve the acceptance posssibilities of his writing by limiting himself to operations and practices within this branch of the profession. The specialist will write with greater ease and authority when his subject touches on the patient benefits of his specialty.

The subject the dentist plans to discuss will be more acceptable for publication if it brings affirmative answers to these questions: Is the dental condition described sufficiently general to interest an editor? If it is an oral health problem, may the dentist-writer confidently offer readers hope of immediate or future correction?

One writer of technical material, directed to a mass audience, employs a technique that will interest the dentist who plans to express

Shields, C.: Dentistry Needs Better Public Relations, Oral Hygiene 48:47 (December) 1958.

himself in print. This man regularly calls on his seventeen-year-old daughter to test his written vocabulary. If the young girl hesitates for a moment in grasping the meaning of a word or phrase her father immediately strikes it out. He has learned that he must not lose his grip on a reader for an instant, or that member of his audience will miss an important point or direct his attention elsewhere.

This holding of attention is also made more certain if the pertinent facts are presented in the form of case histories with age, sex, occupation, and other patient-identifying details included to help the reader create a more accurate mental picture. In addition, editors in increasing numbers are relying on a form of photojournalism to assist in capturing reader attention. The dentist who plans his writing well in advance can take advantage of this trend by arranging for one or a series of pictures to illustrate his text matter. The permission of the patient, in writing, must of course be secured and if there is anything unflattering about such photographs it is desirable to mask the upper portion of the patient's face.

Since the dentist-writer's primary objective is to improve public understanding of his profession's capabilities, he will minimize the possibility of criticism by adopting a distinctive form of identification. Instead of using the words "I" or "me" or "my" he will

find it desirable to rely on "the dentist" or "your dentist" in referring to the professional operator. If any personal recognition is to result from his writing, this must come from the "by-line" and not accounts of his own achievements. There are exceptional cases, but in most instances the use of the perpendicular letter should be avoided if at all possible.

Seek Dentists' Advice

One of the letter writers referred to earlier in this discussion, mentioned that the practicing dentist who has ambitions to write for publication will be benefited by getting out of his office and discussing his writing plans with fellow practitioners. This is an excellent suggestion since discussions with other dentists will bring up areas of interest and value the writer might have overlooked. The files of the other dentists may include records that might help the writer develop his article more fully. Even if this is not the case the dentist-writer's thinking will be stimulated, and he will enjoy a broader understanding of his subject matter.

No attempt is being made here to explain how an article should be tied together word by word. Writing style is something the dentist must acquire through writing practice, studying the articles of those who have become proficient in the craft, and reading the magazines in which the dentist would like to have his material published.

Some Basic Facts on Manuscript Preparation

A good average word length for articles is 1500 to 2000 words. Assume readers know nothing about the subject matter of article.

Point article toward selfish interests of readers—parents, young adults, educators.

Double space typing is required. Leave wide margins.

When writing of new developments be specific in stating whether they are or are not yet available to prospective patients.

Statistics add conviction, but use them sparingly to avoid monotony.

Sell article to only one editor.

Express optimism in discussing the more bafflling dental cases.

Avoid asking friends to express themselves on the "goodness" of completed article. Let a college English teacher or newspaperman see it instead.

Study market lists published in writers' magazines available at all public libraries.

This brings up the inevitable question: What magazines are most likely to be interested in a dentist's writing? Actually, the "health" article will be considered by editors of almost all general magazines and even some trade publications. Those appealing to women are currently displaying interest, as are the digest-size periodicals devoted to personality development, today's living, family, home and the like. Some of the "pulp" magazine in the "confession" field are also offering their readers factual health articles.

When a dentist has completed an article he may send out three or

four short notes to editors, asking if they would be interested in seeing his material. A brief outline of the article should be included to give the editors an idea as to how to reply. If an editor agrees to look at a manuscript-and this does not necessarily mean he will accept it -the article should be mailed together with a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the possible return of the manuscript. The most acceptable and economical paper to use in typing an article is a medium weight (16 pound) white bond-81/2" x 11".

The dentist who turns writer in his spare time is not likely to enjoy an immediate high return for his efforts. This is a subject mentioned in a recent Oral Hygiene editorial. Rates vary from as low as one cent a word up to where the editor and dentist may negotiate for fees of several hundred dollars. These latter figures are the outstanding exceptions.

At three points during his writing—before actually starting, midway through the article, and on completing it—the dentist will benefit by pausing and asking himself, "Am I making a contribution to better dental health and reflecting favorably on my profession?" If the answer is "Yes" the dentist-writer may not yet be an "author" but he is thinking constructively. His writing should help improve public understanding of his profession. From a public relations point of view, that is important.

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²Ryan, E. J.: Editorial, What Happens to the Disabled Dentist?, Oral Hygiene, **49**:54 (March) 1959.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ 182 (See page 49 for questions)

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

"Give me the liberty to know, to utter, and to argue freely according to my conscience above all liberties." John Milton

DENTISTS AND DISASTER

APATHY and extreme indifference mark the attitudes of the American public to civil defense. The feeling seems to be widespread that little or nothing could be done to save lives if a nuclear attack were to be made against the United States. Although destruction of life would be horrifying under such an attack, there would be thousands of maimed and injured survivors who would need first aid and definitive medical care. It is also true that there would not be enough physicians to give this care. Dentists would be required to help as they are the next best qualified to give medical help to suffering human beings.

Up to now neither physicians nor dentists were quite sure what the role of the dentist should be in a national emergency. Physicians were concerned that they might be abdicating their responsibilities in turning people over to dentists for general medical management. Dentists were not disposed to give the appearance of pushing themselves outside the field of their professional training and competence. For many years there has been this impasse.

Despite sweet talk and expressions of international affection, the Communist countries have the resources to devastate the United States by various forms of nuclear attack. The deadly arsenal is there. All that is required to have the weapons activated is the order from a few men in the Soviet Union or Red China. The fate of mankind hangs on such slender threads of human judgment and behavior.

A medical program to handle a national disaster could not be impro-

¹Dental News Letter, Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization, September 1959.

vised after a nuclear attack. It should be on blueprint now and every person who would be required to help should know his exact duties and be trained and prepared to function. What, for example, would be the role of the dentist? He would not be going about his routine ways. He would repair the injuries to jaws and teeth, but he would be expected to do much more. What would that "more" include?

By joint agreement of the American Medical Association and the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization the dentist would be expected to function in these additional capacities:

"First aid, including but not limited to artificial respiration, emergency treatment of open chest wounds, relief of pain, treatment of shock and the preparation of casualties for movement; control of hemorrhage; attainment and maintenance of patent airway, and intratracheal catheterization, to include tracheotomy; proper and adequate cleansing and treatment of wounds; bandaging and splinting; sorting of facial and oral injury cases; oral surgery; administration of anesthetics under medical supervision; assisting in surgical procedures other than oral; insertion of nasogastric tubes to include lavage and gavage; administration of whole blood and intravenous solutions; administration of parenteral medications; catheterization of males and females; administration of immunizing agents."

Few dentists are now prepared to render these services. Since both the AMA and the OCDM have defined the role of the dentist it is appropriate that the medical profession begin to train dentists to fulfill their mission. It is also necessary that dentists in every community be prompt to accept the proffered training. It will require understanding and cooperation between the two professions—and hard work besides.

Educary Ayen



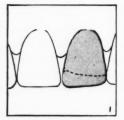
TECHNIQUE of the Month

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By RICHARD M. NELSON, DDS

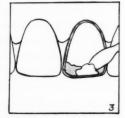
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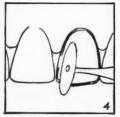
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Note to Contributors

We invite dentists to submit material for this page. \$10.00 will be paid for each technique used. It is not necessary to make finished drawings—or even sketches—if you explain the procedure clearly, in detail, in your letter. Submit material to:

Technique of the Month, Oral Hygiene, 1005 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



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Please send all correspondence for this department to:
The Editor, Ask Oral Hygiene, 708 Church Street, Evanston, Illinois. Enclose a stamped, addressed envelope for a personal reply. If x-ray films are sent, they should be protected with cardboard. We cannot be responsible for casts or study models that are mailed to this department.

Deep Cavity

Q.—How would you treat a deepseated cavity in which x-ray shows just a thin line between caries and the pulp? Would you remove all soft caries up to the firm, but discolored dentine, place a zinc oxide and eugenol base and restore? Or should the discolored dentine be removed as well, even though it might mean an exposure and perhaps loss of the tooth? This dentine would show on the x-ray as caries. Would silver nitrate help in such a case?—B.E.T., Louisiana

A.—In answer to your question as how to treat a deep-seated cavity where an x-ray shows just a thin line between caries and the pulp, the x-ray is but one factor in this situation and should not be depended upon solely. It is my experience that the lesion is always greater than the x-ray indicates, and it would be my suggestion that, after all the tests are made to determine whether or not the pulp is vital, you carefully remove all of the soft caries and sedate the pulp with a protective layer of zinc oxide and eugenol.

Silver nitrate is definitely contraindicated as recent research has proved dramatically. The use of zinc oxide and eugenol has been gratifying as a means to obtain a favorable response of the pulp to the extent that some conscientious operators are using it in a modified form under amalgam restorations where the cavities have been of medium depth. In answer to your question, I would not remove the firm but discolored dentine at the expense of exposing a vital pulp, and I would not use silver nitrate in this case.

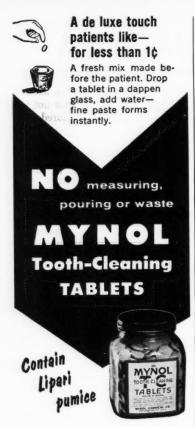
Bleaching Solution

Q.—Your answer came today for which I thank you, but it was not the answer to my question. I asked for a solution for bleaching teeth of an adult, and not a disclosing solution. I am sorry I did not make myself plain and hope you will excuse me.—J.G.H., Pennsylvania

A.—Stains of teeth are generally designated as intrinsic or extrinsic depending on whether the cause of stain is internal or external. Intrinsic stains as a rule are associated with devitalized teeth; the stain being due to decomposition of blood and pulpal tissue with the formation of colored breakdown products. The entire crown of the tooth appears discolored.

Extrinsic stains are due to deposition of colored material on or within enamel and exposed den-

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tine. The stains arise as a result of the ingestion of certain colored foods and medicine over a long period of time; the formation of chemical compounds possessing color and the formation of pigment by chromogenic bacteria. Extrinsic stains lying on the surface of teeth may be scraped and removed with polishing agents. Stains which have permeated tooth structure are more difficult to remove.

In the latter instances usually the enamel surface has been partly decalcified and presents a roughened, porous surface. Scraping and polishing will only remove some of the stain. It is well to remove the superficial roughened stain areas of the tooth with burlew discs and then to polish the surface smooth with polishing agents. Incorporating commercial peroxide in the polishing agents may be of help in some cases in that bleaching action is also obtained.

Hyperplasia

Q.—I have a patient, age 64, for whom I inserted a full upper denture and a lower lingual bar partial about eight years ago, both of which have good retention and articulation. For seven years they have given her especially good service. About a year ago the tissue under her upper denture developed a redness, similar to ground beef in color, throughout the entire palate.

During the past year I have advised her to use different mouth washes, including sodium perborate, as well as done some occlusal grinding here and there hoping to give her relief. But I see no improvement in her condition from any method I have used or advised.

This patient has many worries. I have told her if she could look on the bright side it might do some good. She is will-

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ing to have a new denture made, but I would not do it for I doubt if that would relieve her case.—J.H.M., West Virginia

A.—It is my belief that the "ground beef" color of the palatal area of your 64-year-old patient is a mucosal inflammatory hyperplasia due to "denture rub."

This "denture rub" is the result of continuous changes under the denture, including alveolar resorption, which in turn affects the occlusion, the vertical dimension, and the stress and strain on the edentulous area.

The treatment calls for the correction of the bite with grinding of cusps and opening or closing (whichever appertains) of the vertical dimension. A steroid oint-

ment (1 per cent-1.5 per cent) will help decrease the inflammatory picture while the mechanical adjustments are being made.

When the correction has been made and the inflammation has subsided, it is possible that you may have to construct a new denture.

Chocolate Milk and Caries

Q.—As to your comments on "Chocolate Milk and Caries" (April issue) I refer you to a book by A. Davis, LET'S COOK IT RICHT, (page 445-6) where she comments on chocolate milk and its effects on calcium absorption. I have often wondered about the source of her authority.—G.M.H., Kansas

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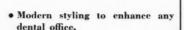
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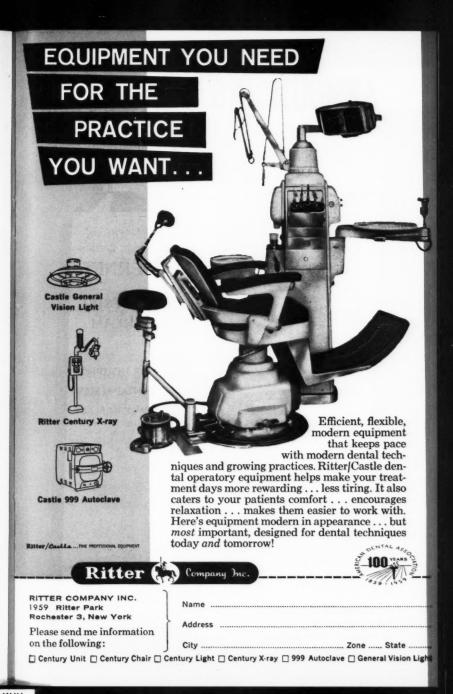
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As the author of a number of books on nutrition, and holding a master's degree in this field, I assume she is well qualified to discuss this subject.

Paresthesia

Q.—I have a woman patient, age 33. She has a good set of teeth and has given her mouth and teeth excellent care over the years.

About one year ago she suddenly and for no reason, developed a paresthesia of the lower lip and chin on the left side. This condition has been persistent and while there is no definite pain the tingling sensation has been constant and quite distressing.

There has been no swelling in the lip, but she believes there is a slight swelling in the soft tissues under the 3rd molar area. She is subject to occasional canker sores on the inside of the lip and cheek on the left side.

She has consulted several dentists and physicians but no definite diagnosis has been made.

To me, this condition would indicate an injury to the inferior alveolar nerve but she never developed a third molar on this side nor has she ever had surgery in this area.

In 1948 she had an amalgam restoration placed in the first molar. In March 1958 she had this removed and another more extensive amalgam restoration inserted. Both of these placements were made by the aid of nerve block anesthesia. The present paresthesia devel-

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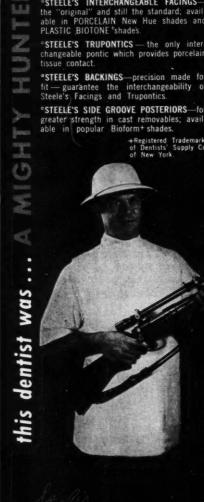
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A.—The history, I believe, has to be considered before any other diagnostic approach in this case. The paresthesia unquestionably was due to a mandibular block with damage by the needle to some fibers of the inferior alveolar nerve. It is commonly known that regional paresthesia, such as in this case, can take longer to improve than that type which results from total severance of the nerve. Two years for improvement is generally the rule.

The use of multiple "B" vitamins can aid in the regeneration of the sensory nerve fibers.

Correction

Regarding the topical application of 8 per cent stannous fluoride appearing on page 54 of the July issue of ORAL HYGIENE, the new technique should be as follows:

At the time of the initial visit, a thorough prophylaxis is performed. Extreme care must be taken to clean and polish thoroughly with pumice each available tooth surface. This includes the stripping of every interproximal surface with sandpaper strips.

Immediately following the prophylaxis, the stannous fluoride is applied to the teeth. It is considered best to treat only one quadrant of the dental arch at a time, since saliva must remain completely absent from the teeth. The particular teeth to be treated are thoroughly dried with air. The stannous fluoride is then applied with a cotton applicator, keeping the teeth moist with the stannous fluoride solution throughout a four-minute period by repeatedly moistening the teeth with the fluoride solution. This usually means a re-application every 15-30 seconds, depending upon the particular affinity of the enamel for the fluoride solution. After all of the teeth in the mouth are similarly treated, the patient is dismissed with the precaution not to eat or drink (or rinse his mouth) for at least thirty minutes.

The frequency of treatment following the initial one will depend mainly upon the prevalence of dental caries in the individual patient. If the patient is highly caries-susceptible, the dentist will need to repeat a single application each six months, or even more frequently. If the child is not highly susceptible, the single treatment can be given once a year.

The foregoing information was taken from an article, "Topical Treatment of the Teeth with Stannous Fluoride: Single Application Technique" by Doctor Joseph C. Muhler of Indiana University, which was published in *The Journal of Dentistry for Children*, volume 25, pages 306-309, 4th quarter, 1958.







Dentists in the NEWS

Dentist-Author-Traveler

In the past nine years since he retired from the practice of dentistry, Doctor Powell Binford Trotter, now 81 years of age, has traveled through much of the world, including Europe, Asia, South America, and the Holy Land. He is the author of one book, The Life of Christ, which was published in 1954. He is now producing another called, The Country Dentist.

About his book on Christ, Doctor Trotter said, "I wanted to get the life of Christ from the time His birth was announced until the Ascension, so I took the four Gospels and wove them into continuity."—Memphis (Tennessee) Commercial Appeal.

Aids State Aged Study

An appointment to a five-man state commission to study the problems of aged persons has been received by Doctor Jose T. Sepulveda of San Antonio. The commission will make recommendations on mental and physical health, housing, family relations, employment, income, vocational rehabilitation, recreation, and education.—San Antonio (Texas) Light.

Services to Church Recognized

Doctor M. Lucille Sullivan, of Escanaba, has been elected a Lady of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, in recognition of her services to the church as a Catholic layman. She attended an investiture of the Order in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, at which Cardinal Spellman, honorary grand prior of the Order, celebrated the Mass.—Escanaba (Michigan) Press.

Bicycle Collection Rated Best

When a national bicycle-manufacturing concern held a contest last year to find the oldest high-wheel of its make still in use, Doctor Stanley Fisher of Bergenfield won easily with a 52-inch bicycle made in 1881. The "bike" is only one of forty antiques in Doctor Fisher's collection, which is rated one of the best in the country.

Doctor Fisher's interest in antique bicycles began more than 25 years ago when he spotted an English high-wheeler in an antique shop. "The woman who owned it wanted \$250," Doctor Fisher recalled. "With my limited finances in those depression days she may as well have asked \$1000," he laughed. He finally got his high-wheeler for considerably less from a retired trick rider in Tenafty. He also bought a unicycle from the ex-yaudevillian.

One of Doctor Fisher's most recent hobbies is collecting and restoring antique autos. They did not have automatic shifts and power steering, but the DeDion-Bouton and Locomobile Steamer, both built in 1899 and included in his collection, have a charm all their own.—New York City News.

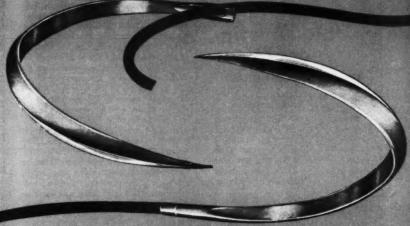
Receives Legion of Merit Award

Colonel Theodore E. Fisher, Military Air Transport Service Command dental surgeon and a native of St. Louis, was recently awarded the Legion of Merit for outstanding service to the United States. The citation accompanying the award read in part: "Colonel Fisher displayed unusual executive leadership and professional ability by effecting notable improvements in the dental health of

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A veteran of 21 years of service, Colonel Fischer is now with the Fifth Air Force Headquarters in Fuchu, Japan, where he serves as a dental surgeon.—
St. Louis (Missouri) Globe Democrat.

Explores Wreckage of Ship

The wreckage of a ship sunk in Sydney Inlet on the west coast of Vancouver Island is being explored by Doctor George W. Cottrell of Portland. He believes the wreckage may be the remains of the trading ship *Tonquin*, owned by John Jacob Astor, which was blown up in June 1811, after the massacre of all but one member of her crew by Indians. Mr. Astor amassed a huge fortune in the fur trade, and for years was active on the Pacific coast.

Doctor Cottrell and his party have recovered a cannon from the wreck. The seven-foot gun had a four-inch bore. Later they located a second cannon, a large capstan about three feet in diameter, and the remains of an iron windlass twenty feet long. They will continue the search for proof that the wreck was indeed that of the *Tonquin.—New York Times*.

Grows Midget Orchids

There was a 20 x 60-foot swimming pool in the yard of Doctor Robert T. Morehead of Nashville, which was not being used. His wife feared constantly that some child would fall into the water and drown. So Doctor Morehead walled and covered the pool with glass. The result: A fair-sized greenhouse in which he cultivates miniature orchids. "The hobby is not too expensive and the plants bloom the year round," Doctor Morehead explained. "An orchid—even these little midgets—is tough, and easy to raise."—Nashville (Tennessee) Banner.

Farm Boasts "Automatic" Barnyard

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Manages Fleet of Cruisers

The practice of dentistry has been given up, at least temporarily, by Doctor Dean Darby of Des Moines. He is now in Pompano Beach, Florida, operating the leasing of six cruisers, which he and two financial partners purchased. The fleet includes three cabin cruisers that will sleep four to six persons and will rent for as much as \$85 a day, \$350 a week, or \$1200 a month. Three smaller boats, primarily for day cruising, will rent for as little as \$25 a day, \$100 a week, or \$300 a month.

Within three months Doctor Darby hopes to practice dentistry on a part-time basis at military installations, and ultimately he hopes to obtain a license to practice privately in Florida.—Des Moines (Iowa) Tribune.

Early American Style Office Building

A dental office building of Early American split-level design has been constructed by Doctor John C. Carnes of Topeka. The structure has space for three separate dental suites and parking space will be provided for about twenty cars.

Both the exterior and interior are Early American. The lower level on the outside is brick veneer, and the upper portion is a combination of horizontal and vertical rustic siding. The windows are Early American panes with shutters, and the roof is hand-split shakes. The building is air conditioned with electrostatic air filtration.—Topeka (Kansas) Capital-Journal.

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Earthquake Survivor

The mountain fell first—and then the water came. That is the account of Doctor Reed Quesnell of Arcadia, California, who survived the Madison Canyon earthquake and avalanche below Hebgen Dam in Montana. The theory was that water spilling over the dam raced through the canyon and swept some campers away before the mountain collapsed.

"Not so," said Doctor Quesnell. "First came the earthquake. Then the mountain collapsed into the canyon. After that came a wave of water. This wave is what hit and injured a number of those hurt in the disaster." Doctor Quesnell and his companions said they believed an unknown number of campers in the area were buried by the big slide.—Wilmington (Ohio) News-Journal.

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We've heard that a prof in Religion on the campus recently announced that there are 726 sins. The last we heard, he was swamped with letters from students who think that they are missing out on something. "Say when," said MacPhudal as he dropped a few drops of Scotch in Mac-Dudal's glass. MacDudal was silent and MacPhudal added a couple more drops and said: "That was a bad fire in Mac-Gugal's restaurant."

"When?" asked MacDudal.

MacPhudal put the cork in the bottle with a sigh of relief.



Jimmy was doing his home work when the clock struck the hour. His father, who was a professor of logic, closed the book he had been reading and said:

"Now Jimmy, if I was to take a hammer and smash that clock, could I be arrested for killing time?"

"No," said Jimmy, who was a bright youngster, "it would be self-defense." "How do you figure that?" asked his

father.
"Well," said Jimmy, "the clock struck

first."

The professor picked up his book—
not to read, but for time out to think up
another question. Finally he asked Jimmy:

"Can you tell me who built the Sphinx?"

After a bit of study Jimmy said, "Gosh, I've forgotten."

"Tut, tut," tutted the professor, "you are the only one living who knew and now you've forgotten."



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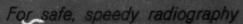
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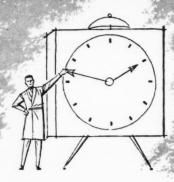
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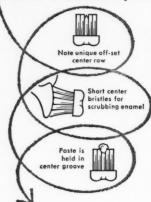
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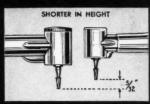
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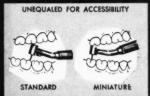
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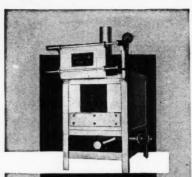
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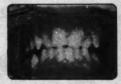
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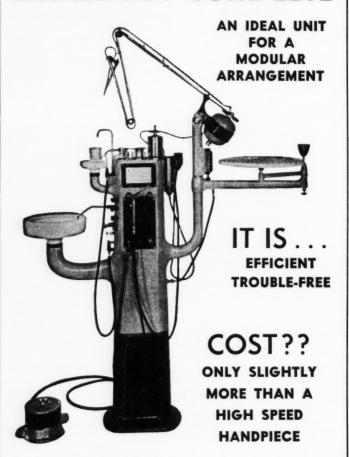
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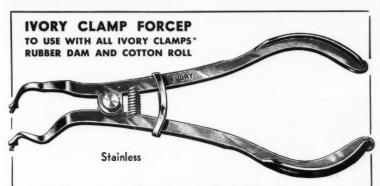
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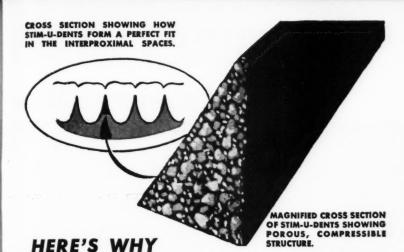


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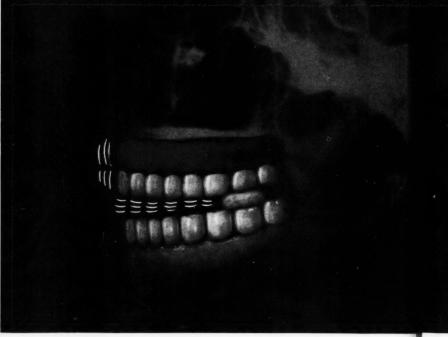
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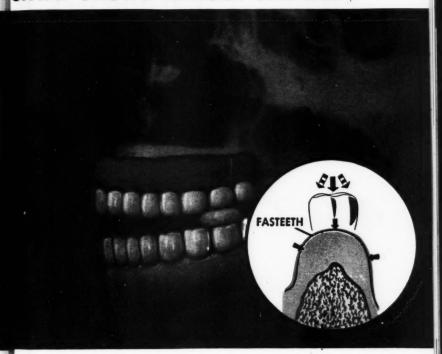


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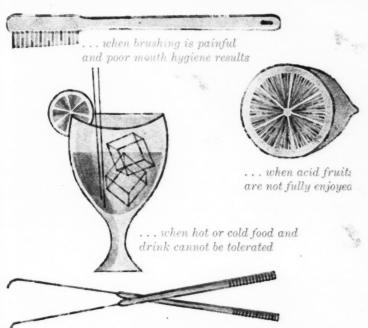
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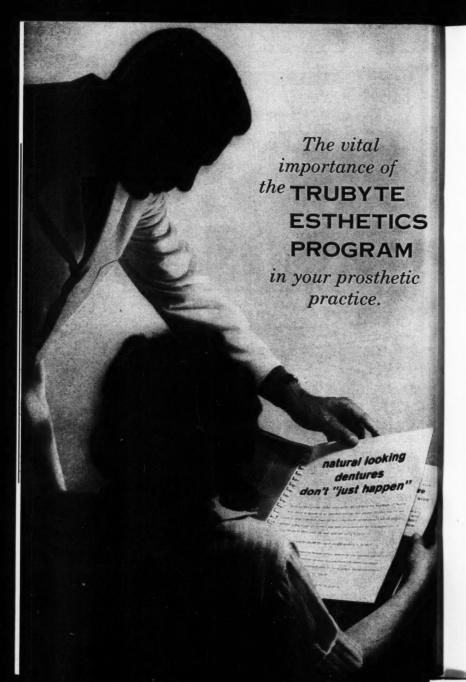
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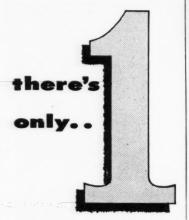
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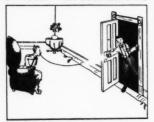
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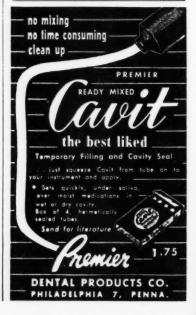
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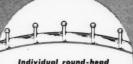
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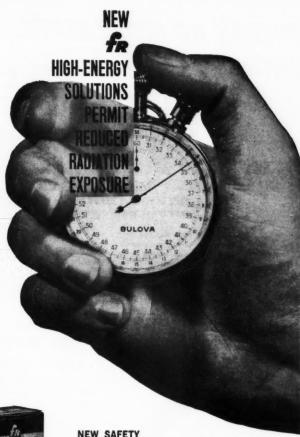
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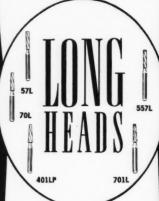
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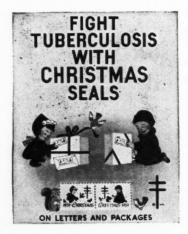
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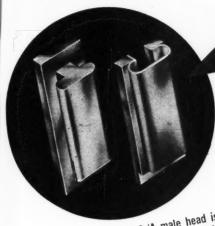
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